

RYA TRAINING NOTICE

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Changes to First Aid certificates and books

Applies to:

- RYA Training Centres recognised to run RYA First Aid Courses
- RYA First Aid Instructors

A new First Aid Student Pack will be introduced which will contain a single first aid certificate and the new RYA First Aid book wrapped together. Training Centres will need to order one pack for each student. It is expected that student packs will be in stock at the RYA from March 2017.

The certificate is unchanged but will come as a single certificate in the pack rather than as a pad of ten.

The pack will be available in two formats – either with a hard copy of the book, or as an ePack containing a voucher which the student uses to download a free copy of RYA First Aid as an eBook.

The advantages of the new RYA First Aid book are:

- More accurate and updated more often than the First Aid Manual (ZF03)
- More relevant, includes marine-specific content and the RYA syllabus
- More economical – the new book is cheaper than the First Aid Manual (ZF03) so the new Student Pack will cost less per student than buying certificates and the First Aid Manual separately.
- Available as an eBook – as either ePack (with certificate) or stand-alone eBook.

Order code	Item	Retail price	RTC price
FAC	First Aid Pack	n/a	£7
E-FAC	First Aid ePack	n/a	£7 (inc. VAT)
FAB	First Aid Book *	£5	£4.25

*eBook (E-FAB) also available to buy through our webshop or in-app but not for resale to students.

Notes:

- First Aid certificates will only be available in the packs.
- The RYA First Aid book (FAB) will be available to buy as a stand-alone item if needed. However, First Aid students must receive both the book and the certificate on completion of their course, so they must be provided with the student pack.
- Centres that already hold a stock of certificates may continue to use them and can choose whether to provide the First Aid Manual (ZF03) or the RYA First Aid book (FAB) to support the course until the new packs are in stock at their centre.
- The First Aid Manual (ZF03) will still be available to buy (at least in the short term) but the RYA First book (FAB) will be the official course companion once the new packs are in use.

It is not compulsory for centres to offer ePacks to their students. However, centres opting to offer ePacks must give their students the choice of how they wish to receive their course pack – as an ePack or as a printed pack.

Please read TG 15-15 Using ePacks for Courses for a full explanation of ePacks, how to use them, what you will need to tell your students and the level of support that you will be required to offer.

Summary:

The pad of First Aid Certificates and First Aid Manual will be replaced by the new First Aid Pack/ePack.

Centres opting to offer ePacks must let students choose whether they want an ePack or a printed pack.

For guidance on how to offer and support ePacks see TG15-15: Using ePacks for Courses, before offering ePacks.

See also:

TG 15-15 Using ePacks for Courses

For guidance on other areas of RYA Training see: www.rya.org.uk/coursestraining/resources